1.0 PROJECT APPLICATION INFORMATION BAT CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION - STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS (SWG)

Project Ranking Factors

This call for application seeks to allocate funding to bat conservation projects that encompass the following ranking factors:

- **Project Need/Biological Importance.** Projects that address priority actions identified in the Arizona Bat Conservation Strategic Plan; projects that fill important conservation needs by providing information necessary to recover and manage priority species, benefit priority habitats, address imminent threats, prevent species from becoming endangered; projects whose outcomes will resolve a significant documented need, issue, or concern.
- **Project Scope**. Projects with multiple benefits: 1) promote a landscape/ecosystem approach; 2) provide needed information and/or initiate management practices to conserve multiple species of conservation concern, or; 3) achieve multiple resource management objectives (such as habitat protection efforts with both terrestrial and aquatic benefits, etc). All projects must demonstrate tangible benefits to resource management.
- **Project Impact and Timeliness.** *Impact:* Projects that produce tangible "on-the-ground" benefits in terms of conservation effectiveness and/or in terms of visibility. All projects must demonstrate tangible benefits to resource management. *Timeliness:* Projects must be ready or near ready to implement. Does the project represent a critical and timely conservation opportunity?
- **Method.** Project proposals should clearly and completely describe need, objectives, expected outcomes, deliverables, and expected benefits. For Management/Habitat Improvement projects: multiple species, rare species, rare habitats, and projects that result in direct habitat conservation are preferred; for Research/Inventory/Monitoring projects: outcomes that contribute to adaptive management objectives for species or habitat are preferred; for Outreach/Education projects: project results must be measurable.
- **Partnerships/Coordination.** Projects that encourage multi-partner and multi-agency involvement (e.g. federal, state, local governments, communities, corporations, non-profit organizations, conservation organizations, sporting organizations, private landowners, etc.). Projects that enhance partnerships between and among these groups, and demonstrate support from key stakeholders will be considered high priority.
- **Total Cost.** Projects that demonstrate cost effectiveness and provide matching funding are priorities.

2.0 PROJECT SUMMARY FORM, BAT CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION – STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS (SWG)

Use this form to summarize projects to receive SWG funding. Projects will be reviewed and ranked according to the funding criteria and constraints listed in Section 1.0.

Submit your Project Application package (Sections 2.0 and 3.0) electronically by 5:00pm, May 26, 2006.

Send applications to: Angie McIntire, Bat Management Coordinator, at amcintire@azgfd.gov

Please send questions to amcintire@azgfd.gov or 602.789.3574

Project Title:
Contact Information:
Applicant:
Address:
Contact Name:
Title:
Phone:
E-mail:
Project Category: (check only one) Bat Management/Habitat Improvement Research/Inventory/Monitoring Outreach/Education
Project Cost Summary:
SWG Funds Amount of Match Total Project

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3.0 PROJECT STATEMENT, BAT CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS (SWG)

Project Statement – must include the following information in the following format.

- 1. Project Need/Biological Importance. Why is the project being undertaken?
- 2. **Project Scope/Objectives.** What is to be accomplished during the period of the project pursuant to the stated need in item #1? A project statement objective must:
 - **a.** Specify fully what is to be accomplished within the time and funds requested.
 - **b.** Specify a recognizable end point and deliverable.
 - c. Be quantifiable or verifiable
- **3. Expected Results or Benefits.** What will the results or benefits of accomplishing this project be? For example, how will the project impact and benefit bat conservation goals and objectives? To the extent feasible, provide quantified resource benefits.
- **4. Approach/Method.** How will the objectives be attained? Include specific procedures, schedules, and when required, key project personnel and cooperators. Also give some idea of what is required in terms of maintenance of effort, if appropriate, and identify project partners who are willing to provide long-term effort.
- **5. Location.** Where will the work be done?
- **6. Partnerships.** Who are the key stakeholders, partners, land management agencies, etc., involved. Document support if possible.
- **7. Estimated Costs.** Provide as much detail as possible. Budget should be clearly tied to project tasks, deliverables and schedule.